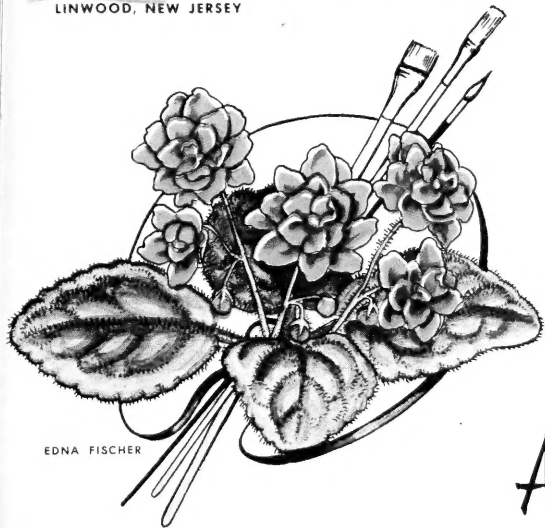


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Suggestions for Home Culture of African Violets

The culture of African violets involves your understanding and proper application of several conditions of the plant environment. When your plants have the proper conditions, they will thrive. If you fail to supply any one condition your plants will suffer. Out of our many years of experience, we make the following suggestions.

LIGHT—Insufficient light is the most common reason for poor blooming of violets. Your plants may make leaves under low light conditions, but they need a fair amount of light for flowering. Many people now use fluorescent light to make plants bloom. The light intensity about 1 ft. below a bank of fluorescent tubes is about right. We prefer the "Warm white" tube for best color characteristics. Violets will not tolerate long exposure to strong rays of the sun. Too much light will cause "sunburn" causing the plant to become hard and yellow. The violet is a medium light plant. A helpful rule of thumb is that "More light will generally help a "shy" bloomer into a flower". During the winter plants need a "bright" location but in late spring and summer, this spot may become too light. Be careful of your light conditions and consider the use of fluorescent light, good for many house plants too.

HUMIDITY—Fairly high humidity is best for plants in the home. Many people raise good violets in their kitchens and probably the humidity there is helpful. In many homes, however, it is difficult to maintain a sufficiently high humidity and water is therefore very important.

WATER—Plants should be kept fairly moist. Intermediate conditions are best.

You can injure or kill plants by too much or too little water. A bottom watering method is good. Simply add water to the saucer under the pot, but allow the saucer to dry completely between waterings. It is advisable to water plants from above with warm water about twice a month. This redistributes fertilizers in the soil.

TEMPERATURE—Violets do best at a minimum night temperature of about 65F. Temperatures below 55 are too low and under most conditions are harmful. During the day a temperature of 75 is usually adequate.

FERTILIZERS—The tendency of many people to over-fertilize. A fertilizer should be used to maintain a plant in good growth. When a plant is poor and stunted, consider the possibility of too much as well as too little feed. A plant in good growing condition will require fertilizer about twice a month. Use a good balanced feed as recommended by the manufacturer, and guard against the chance of overfeeding.

SOIL—Be sure to use sterile soil, whether your own or purchased. A soil may be sterilized by heating to 180F for about 30 minutes. A well prepared soil should have good drainage and have ample organic content.

INSECT AND DISEASE CONTROL—

Insects and diseases are often hard to control. The best cure is prevention. Get plants from a reliable source, and even then, "isolate" new acquisitions for several weeks just in case they prove to be infested. Rotenone sprays are good all-purpose insecticides, and fermate, or dithane are satisfactory fungicides when used as directed.

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